

LEARNING TO MAKE CIGARS.

Schools Where All the Steps from Stripping to Packing are Taught.

In the columns of the German daily newspaper were occasionally appear advertisements of which the following is a translation: "Instruction given in the art of cigar making and packing; work given after learning." Up two flights of stairs in a tenement house in Orchard street lives an aged Jew named Herman Rosenberg, an old man with a patriarchal appearance. A black velvet skull cap surmounts his head, from which depend silvery locks, while a flowing white beard conceals his person to the waist. This teacher of the art of cigar making courteously greeted the reporter in the school-room, and, dusting a three-legged stool, bade him be seated. Seven students were seated upon benches and busy with their studies. Before them were piles of tobacco and studies. Before them were piles of tobacco and tools of the cigar making craft.

"Yes," said Mr. Rosenberg, "I have been engaged in the business of teaching the art of cigar making for ten years, but I have had a dozen pupils. My books in which I record the age, residence, and date of entry of each pupil, show since 1878 I have given lessons to more than 150 pupils. Most of them are now earning good wages as workmen in large shops, but some of them could be made to know how to make a cigar."

"What is your method of instruction?"

Pupils are taught to strip the leaves; then how to take the stem from the leaf. In a week's time they are advanced a step, and taught how to bind that is, putting the inside of a leaf around the stem, and so on.

When they begin to learn rolling, as putting on the wrappers is called, the rolling on of the wrapper is a difficult thing to do. The leaf is tender, and if it is pressed too hard, it will burst with soft fingers, lest it be torn and become worthless except for scrubs. The time varies with the skill of the teacher, some get through in two or three weeks, others find a course of six weeks necessary. There is also a post-graduate course. Graduates, after they have learned the art, can, if they so desire, perfect, come back and get additional instruction.

If they do not pay for this, the fee of \$10 once paid, pupils can come and go as often as they like.

The cost of instruction is \$10 per week to pack cigars. This is the best paid branch of the trade, and requires eyes quick to discern slight variations in the leaf, cigar, etc., when the rollers' hands are placed in a heap before the packer, and it is his business to sort and pack the cigar in boxes according to the desired size. The cigar is called Claro, light brown, to Maduro, dark brown."

"Do you guarantee employment to your graduates?"

No; they must take their chances of finding work. But it guarantees to fit them so they can readily obtain employment. Cigar employers, as a rule, are very anxious to have the products of their workmen. They are satisfied if they do their work well, and my instruction is that all need to do the best conditions imposed by the employer. So far my pupils have all readily obtained work."

"What nationality are your pupils?"

There are about 150 pupils, a number of Americans, seeking a good trade, have come to me for instruction. The Hebrew Emigrant Aid Society sent me to instruct the Hebrews in the art of cigar making, and I taught them how to do it. I can't do much with those pupils. I did instruct one refugee, and he is now working in a large shop. I have taught 150 pupils, mostly Americans, a cigar maker's license, and I sell its products.

The reporter visited several other schools of the same kind, and found the pupils all Americans, mainly German and French. The curriculum appeared to be the same in each, and so did the cost of tuition. Mrs. Straeter, President of the German American Industrial Union, was asked if graduates from cigar schools could join cigarmakers' unions. "There is no organization in the way," said she, "but those that are to be organized. In the country towns the local unions require a regular apprenticeship, but in New York the apprenticeship is not required, and the cost of particular inquiry into. The application must come through the shop, and the applicants after work must have every opportunity to judge him in his work in the craft. If he understands the trade, his application is endorsed and forwarded, and in due time he is to be granted membership. The fellows who graduate from cigar schools, as a rule find work in times, and are thrown out of one shop after another until, by hard knocks, they gain some foothold in the unions. Some of them two to five in every fifty become cigarmakers."

THIEVES IN OFFICE.

Mr. Eaton Discussing the Prevalence and Causes of Public Dishonesty.

The subject of the Rev. C. H. Eaton's sermon in the Church of the Divine Paternity yesterday was "Public and Official Dishonesty."

He said that the prevalence of this moral disease is starting in the extreme, and that even the most obnoxious in the Church seem to be insufficient to stay it. The query for Christian men and women to consider is "What shall we do about it?" The causes of it are complex. One of them perhaps lies in the immigration which is filling America with refugees from other lands. But, while no doubt many crimes are done by immigrants, on the other hand many of the defectors in this country at once emigrate. There are foreign-born citizens here who are dishonest, and in business men here, and some of the worst of the defectors and criminals are Americans. The cause may, may look for in the crowd condition of society, the lack of law and order there; but there is cheating in the country too. One of the chief causes of this moral disease is the want of honest work. The war fortunes were made in a day or two, and afterward there were shrinkages, and vast fortunes were lost, and some of them again and again their friends, and in their manhood; and from questionable practices in the efforts to revive their fortunes soon stooped into crime.

Back of these causes lie the greed of gain, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. The curse of first in throwing about the immigrants the suspicion of the unscrupulous, and the atmosphere of honest government. And then young men must be taught that the most important quality of the end is that of the taker of the soul. The result of the enormous pardoning power given to the Executive are worthy of consideration. If it is true that the Executive does not care for the poor, then the punishment must be notable for the little thieves but must be made to reach the great ones. Finally against the selfishness of men it is the duty of the universal Gospel. Religion must be made practical, and there must be reformation both in the Church and outside of the Church.

TICKET NUMBER NO. 1,820.

Two men entered the station of the Third avenue elevated road at the Grand Central Depot on Friday. One of them preferred the ticket agent a 25 cent piece, and raised two fingers to indicate that he wanted two tickets. The ticket agent gave him one, and the other man paid him 10 cents, and another 10 cents back and said, "Another ticket please."

The ticket agent glared at the man and exclaimed in an angry tone, "Why did you say you wanted two tickets?" The man indicated what he wanted by raising his fingers," said the other man.

The ticket agent made an execrable expression in reply to this remark, and as the man passed through the gate he began cursing them in an undictated. Returning to the ticket agent, he said, "I am going to see the manager to give him his name." He replied that he would not do it. It was agreed that he would not do it, and he was sent to give a published rule of the company. His employees were required to give their names and badge numbers to pass through the gate. He was then asked for his name, but he could not give it. He was then asked for his badge number, which he had not in view. After some delay, he said, "I have it in a safe under the ticket counter. The number was 1,229."

Policeman Henderson's Simple Narrative.

Policeman Charles H. Henderson, who shot Policeman Daniel J. Hogan in the right temple on Monday last, told Justice Smith at Essex Market yesterday that he and Hogan had had several drinks together the afternoon before. Hogan was asleep when Henderson went into the sleeping room at 4 P.M. to deposit his coat. Henderson, who had been drinking, touched Hogan on the foot with his hand to awaken him, saying, "Hello, Dan." "I'll tell you on the nose," was the reply. Hogan then grasped him about the body, hit him on the head, and the policeman fell to the ground. Hogan then struck him about the head, hit him on the eye, and touched Hogan on the nose. Henderson then began to shoot. The bullet whizzed over Henderson's head, and he fell to the floor. Two other gunshots were heard, and he was then shot in a safe under the ticket counter. The number was 1,229.

A Police Central Office Pleasantly.

The Police Commissioners will probably appoint the Democratic election inspectors and poll clerks to-day. It is conjectured by some that the appointments will be based on the recommendation accorded to the different Democratic factions by the Syracuse Convention. It is also calculated that Tammany will demand half of the Democratic votes, and the other half will be demanded between the Central and the Anti-slavery parties. The Police Central Office stated that in case commissioners cannot be present at the meeting he will be represented by the Board of Health, who will act as his proxy under a telegraphic authorization.

DAVID MILLER of Winnipeg.

"An old man hired a room for a week at John Wainwright's hotel, 210 St. Paul street. He wrote in a trembling hand on the letter - David Miller, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He told Mr. Wainwright that he had been intending to go away in the Canadian summer, but had been prevented from doing so by his wallet. He was recuperating with the Canada Company for a duplicate ticket. Yesterday morning he was found dead in his room. His body was sent to the coroner's office. The coroner's report was as follows:

"He died because of his family are to blame for his death. There were inward signs of suicide."

Hanging Cats Across a Clothes Line.

Trendwell Smith, colored, of Manhasset was arrested Saturday for tying the tails of two cats to a clothes line and hanging them up to dry. He was released.

NO DELUGE IN THE CYCLOPEDIA.

An Anecdote Mr. Collyer Brought Back from the Saratoga Convention.

The Rev. Robert Collyer spoke for three-quarters of an hour in the Church of the Messiah yesterday on "The Saratoga Convention." It was the Unitarian Convention that he meant. He told an anecdote related by Dr. Carpenter, one of the delegates from England.

Dr. Carpenter said that many years ago a new encyclopaedia was to be published in England. "The Deluge" was one of the topics to be described as a specialty, and it was assigned to an eminent scientific man. He treated the theme with all the freedom of modern science, and the revisers found his article so far out of the orthodox range of opinion that they feared to publish it. Announcement was therefore made that a new article, the deluge, was to be issued later on. The subject was then assigned to a man who had no way of scientific training, and his article was published in the New York Tribune. The deluge was one of the topics to be described as a specialty, and it was assigned to an eminent scientific man. He treated the theme with all the freedom of modern science, and the revisers found his article so far out of the orthodox range of opinion that they feared to publish it. Announcement was therefore made that a new article, the deluge, was to be issued later on. 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